POOR LAW (PATRICK BROPHY).

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons, dated 3 March 1863;—*for*,

COPY "of LETTER dated the 28th day of January 1863, from the Irish Poor Law Commissioners to the Kilkenny Board of Guardians, relative to the REMOVAL of a PAUPER named *Patrick Brophy*, from *Stockport* to *Kilkenny*."

Poor Law Commission Office,
Dublin, 6 March 1863.

B. BANKS,
Chief Clerk.

(*Lord John Browne.*)

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(No. 2303/63.—Kilkenny Union.)

LETTER from the Poor Law Commissioners to the Board of Guardians of Kilkenny Union.

Poor Law Commission Office, Dublin,
28 January 1863.

Sir,

THE Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland have had before them the entries in the Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Kilkenny Union, on the 15th instant, relating to the case of Patrick Brophy, whose removal from the Stockport Union to Kilkenny, under a warrant, has been the subject of correspondence between the Boards of Guardians of the Stockport and Kilkenny Unions; and in reference thereto, the Commissioners desire to state that, as requested by the guardians in their minutes of the above date, they instructed Mr. William Hamilton, poor law inspector, to examine Patrick Brophy on oath.

The Commissioners enclose herewith the depositions of Patrick Brophy as given on oath before Mr. Hamilton; and desire to observe that this statement is entirely at variance with the statements of Mr. Coppock, clerk of the Stockport union.

The powers of inquiry of the Commissioners do not extend beyond Ireland, and therefore they cannot pursue the investigation further.

The Commissioners have also to observe that in the present state of the law, if the removal had been made illegally, and this could be clearly shown, it would not afford any means of redress.

You are requested to return the enclosed depositions, when done with by the Board of Guardians.

By order, &c.
(signed) *B. Banks*,
Chief Clerk.

To the Clerk,
Kilkenny Union.

ENCLOSURE in foregoing Letter.

Patrick Brophy having been duly sworn, states: I went to England first 27 years ago, last Christmas. When first I went there, I went to Stockport; I lived in the parish of Cheadle Mosley for 16 years, and the last 11 years I lived in the parish of Stockport; I lived in four different places in the parish of Stockport; the first place was Lacy-street, either No. 17 or 21, I think; I lived there about five years with my wife and family; I had six children then, I then removed to Tatton-street; I forget the number; I lived there for two years; it is the parish of Stockport too; I then went to reside at Chester-gate; I ought to have said the first place I lived at in the parish of Stockport was nearly opposite the National School, within 100 yards of Tatton-street; I lived there 12 months; then Lacy-street; then Tatton-street, and then I went to Chester-gate. I think it was No. 202 or 201. I left my furniture there, some clothing, and bedding, and I have the key of the house in my possession. I pawned some of my things at a pawnbroker's shop. His name is Laurence, in the New-road. Another man who lived not much more than ten yards from where I lived at Chester-gate, and who is a pawnbroker, I forget his name, he has a pair of shoes of mine pawned in my name. I produce the key of my house. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard, who reside at No. 21, Rowlason-street, Manchester, know all about me; they can testify that I lived

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I lived in Stockport in the places I have stated. William Bowhan and wife and child lived with me in Chester-gate for some time; he knows that I lived there; he livee now at Bury, in a place called Belle-lane. I huried my wife from Chester-gate, abont 12 months ago; I bnried one child, 17 years of age, out of Tatton-street, and three children out of Edgely, the first place I lived at when I went to England. I paid no attention to the depositione read to me, I was so aggravated and indignant at being sent away from where I had lived eo long, and huried my wife and family.

Many a time I used to he away reaping, hut I always kept my house, I used to he so away sometimes for nine weeks; I did sleep in a huilding of Mr. Wharnley's, at Cheadle, when I wae working for him; when the times got bad I applied for relief; I was told, as I had worked last at Mr. Wharnley's, I should apply to Mr. Bottom, the relieving officer of Cheadle. I went into the workhouse, hut left it when I got work in a few days after. I had been to see my daughter at Bury, when I applied to the relieving officer of Stockport parish, on my return to Stockport through Manchester, my daughter was at lodgings, 41, High-street, Stockport, and I went to see her and my son, and applied to Mr. Lanton from that house; hut I had still possession of my own house; I never lived in any other parishes when I was in England than the parishes of Cheadle, Mosley, and Stockport. I have furniture and clothing, and hedding at my house in Chester-gate; I never said I wanted to return to Ireland; I have no friends or relatives here now; I am well known to the parish priests in Stockport, Messrs. Le Roy, Freeth, and Fenelly; the latter not eo well; hut they know my son and daughter, who are still residing at 41, High-street, Stockport; she can prove, that though I ueed to be away at my work, I always, for the last 11 years, had a house of my own, and I have been illegally removed against my will, and I wish to go back to my children.

(signed) *Pat. Brophy.*

Sworn before me, this 27th January,

(signed) *W. J. Hamilton,*
Poor Law Inspector.

Witness } *Michael Maloney*, Clerk of Kilkenny Union.
Lawrence Keeffe, Master of the Workhouse.

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